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In Re:            John K. Renwick et al.  
Case:            IBM-0014  
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Subject:          Apparatus and Method for Forwarding Data on Multiple Label-Switched  
                  Data Paths

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Dear Sir:

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